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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A Notice of Allowance issued in the above-identified matter on January 5, 2004. Included therewith was a Notice of Allowability listing the allowed claims as claims 1, 2 and 4-23. However, the claims that were pending at the time of allowance were claims 1-3 and 5-23, claim 3 being a pending independent claim and claim 4 having been canceled in the Amendment filed May 5, 2000. Since claim 3 was never cancelled, and in fact claims depending claim 3 have been allowed, it is assumed that the Patent Office intended to allow claims 1-3 and 5-23. The Patent Office is hereby requested to issue a corrected Notice of Allowability confirming that claims 1-3 and 5-23 are allowed.

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